PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Continental Congress, on June 14, 1777, adopted a resolution declaring that the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen alternate red and white stripes with a union of stars of white in a blue field; and

WHEREAS, due to the present chaotic state of a world plunged into threes of a ruthless world-wide war, there is a growing need for a program to combat the propaganda, sabotage and other subversive activities of those who would seek to destroy our ideals and institutions; and

WHEREAS, a rebirth of patriotism, of national loyalty, will help no end in bringing about a national unity through the cooperation of capital, labor, and government; and

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States is the symbol of Americanism, of freedom and tolerance, and a day should be set aside so the people of this country may rally beneath its colors and re-pledge their allegiance to America, its institutions and government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harlan J. Bushfield, Governor of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1941, as

FLAG DAY

and June 8 to June 14, inclusive, 1941, as

FLAG WEEK

and I urge the people of the State of South Dakota to fly the Stars and Stripes at their homes and other suitable places, and I also direct all public officials to display the Flag of the United States on all public buildings. I urge every community to hold special ceremonies at which they shall renew their allegiance to the ideals symbolized by the American Flag, reaffirm their allegiance in the institutions of American Democracy, and give grateful expression to their good fortune to be living under the protecting folds of "Old Glory", in the enjoyment of blessings of life unknown to the people of many other countries in these chaotic times.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Pierre, this 2nd day of June, 1941.

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ATTEST:

Secretary of State